

**East Lancaster Neighborhood Association** Minutes - August 5, 2021 - 7:00 pm - Combination In-person & Zoom Meeting  
 First Free Will Baptist Church, 1390 45th Avenue NE, Salem OR

<b>Board Chairs/Members Present</b>		<b>Board Chairs/Members Present (Cont'd)</b>	
x	Susann Kaltwasser, Chair - Zoom	x	Lynette Horton, Member-at-large
x	Sue Fowler, Co-Chair	x	Patricia Mick, Member-at-large
x	Mary Sarabia, Vice Chair	x	Broc Thorad, Member-at-large
x	Chesta Bauer, Secretary		Beverly Quiring, Member-at-large
x	Vern Golden, Member-at-large		Mike Sim, Member-at-large
	Clark Hazlett, Member-at-large	x	Chuck Westbrook, Member-at-large
	<b>Presenters:</b>		<b>Neighbors Present:</b>
x	Patricia Farrell, City of Salem Public Works(Zoom)	x	Lexie Burchard
x	Bryce Bishop, City of Salem Planner (Zoom)		
x	Irma Dowd, City of Salem, Neighborhood Services Coordinator		

**Introductions:** The meeting was opened by Co-chair Sue Fowler at 7:10 pm.

**City of Salem Climate Action Plan:** Patricia Farrell presented the proposed City of Salem Climate Action Plan that is scheduled to be approved by the end of this year. This plan is being brought to the neighborhood associations for their information and to get community input. The Climate Action Plan can be viewed at: <https://salemclimateactionplan.com/> . The two major goals of the plan are to reduce Salem's greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2035 and to be carbon neutral by 2050. The City formed a Climate Action Task Force consisting of local government, business, organizations and community members in order to provide a wide variety of perspectives, input, and committed involvement to develop and implement the plan. This Task Force started the community input and planning process last fall and has conducted various community engagement activities. Patricia discussed the work of the Task Force to develop the plan and to implement a process for gathering community involvement and input. The climate plan will be discussed at the City Council work session on September 20. The community is invited to share their ideas and comments at this meeting. The request for final approval will be presented to the City Council at their December 6, 2021 meeting. Any questions or comments can be emailed to Patricia at [pfarrell@cityofsalem.net](mailto:pfarrell@cityofsalem.net). Susann suggested that the City develop an information flyer to inform people of things they can do on the individual level to limit climate change such as limiting car trips by consolidating errands, riding the bus more, and other everyday changes that people can do to alleviate the problem. Also involve schools and children in the process. Broc suggested that more electric car charging stations be put in around the city.

**Middle Housing and HB 2001, Bryce Bishop:** Bryce informed us of the impacts that HB 2001 on the Salem housing codes. HB 2001 (see: <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/UP/Pages/Housing-Choices.aspx>) was passed by the Oregon legislature in order to address the shortage of housing that is occurring in

Oregon due to the strong population growth. Salem is deficient in multifamily housing and the HB 2001 provides the structure for code changes that will allow more diversity in housing density. The City has already changed dwelling codes to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in order to increase the multifamily housing supply. With the passage of HB 2001, housing diversity will be expanded to allow middle housing, (triplexes, quadplexes, townhouses, and cottage clusters) in areas designated as residential. The zones that will be affected are the RA (residential/agricultural), RS (single family), RD (duplex/residential), RM-1 (multifamily residential). The bill is very restrictive and discourages variations from the minimum requirements. In the downtown core area or in an area within 1/4 mile of public transportation, residential parking requirements are eliminated. Susann mentioned that the ELNA area is already mostly developed and will not see much change. She also mentioned that some of the shopping malls such as the Willamette Town Center could be converted to multifamily housing. In single family areas such as Royal Oaks HB 2001 will probably not have much effect unless a current single family home is converted to be a multi-tenant unit or torn down and replaced by a multifamily dwelling. Bryce mentioned that there are areas that are not mandated to meet the HB 2001 requirements, such as historic areas and wetlands, but multifamily use could be allowed with design restrictions so the dwelling fits in with the area. The deadline for implementing the HB 2001 requirements is June 30, 2022.

**Review of City Council Issues, Irma Dowd:** Irma filled in for Chris Hoy who was unable to attend the meeting.

- Portions of Winter Street and Union Street will be closed starting August 7 for the duration of the Saturday Market in order to encourage people to walk or bicycle there. This is an experiment to see how it works out and may become permanent. There was some discussion of the cost of putting up and taking down the barriers and who was paying for that. It was determined that the cost is about \$600 on each Saturday the streets are closed and City is paying for it.
- The City is coordinating with area social services to help people who are being removed from the Cascades Gateway Park to connect with resources in order to provide assistance for their needs. The park will be cleaned and restored and will be open to the public sometime in the future.
- There were 76 National Night Out block parties in Salem on August 3 which was less than usual but a good turnout. The Chief of police, the fire chief, and many police officers went to several of these events.

**Zoom Subscription:** Susann reported that a Zoom subscription costs \$149.00 for a one year subscription. This level of subscription allows unlimited meetings, but the meeting hours per month is limited to 30 hours. She noted that although we pay for the subscription, the City benefits from it because staff don't have to attend meetings in person and can do their presentations on Zoom. Zoom is free if the meetings are limited to 39 minutes. Sue Fowler said that one to nine persons can be authorized to use a subscription. Susann asked if we thought we would use Zoom for a full year and if we thought that paying for Zoom is a good use of our funds. She will get more details and report back at the next meeting.

**Election of Board Officers:** It was decided that the election of board officers would be postponed until the September meeting in order to assure that more people attend the meeting. Current board officers will be encouraged to participate in the next meeting so the election can take place then.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Land Use:** Susann reported that Eunice Kim, the Our Salem project manager, has listened to our input about the amount of land that has been proposed for designation as residential multifamily (RM) in the ELNA area. The input was that there is already too much multifamily housing in this part of town. Eunice made changes in the in the zoning recommendations for our area and will put out a new proposed zoning map for the Our Salem project showing these changes.

- **Our Salem: Parks:** No report.
- **Traffic:** There is still concern about the continuing issue of cars racing on 45th Avenue between Sunnyview Road and Center Street. The Salem police have been asked to monitor 45th Avenue for this problem but they say they have been too busy. We need to get a radar gun so we can document speeding and a reader board to try to slow down traffic. Chris Hoy has been asked to look into getting both these items. Broc suggested speed bumps but it was determined that speed bumps are not allowed on streets designated as feeder streets. Susann also mentioned the issue of people parking in the bike lanes on the south side of Market Street across from Swegle Elementary. She has communicated this issue to several staff in Public Works, but has not received any response yet.

**Minutes of the meeting:** Vern made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2021, meeting with the following correction: change the date of the minutes to July 1, 2021. Chuck seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Neighborhood Concerns:**

- Broc reported he is still working with the City on issues concerning the management of the water retention pond on his property. The City has approved building a six foot fence. Broc said that Compliance Officer Russell has been great to work with.
- Susann reported on an issue with the Honey Bee property owner. He needs to remove excess vegetation but since the property has been declared a wetland, he can only mow the weeds and trim the blackberries. The blackberries can't be removed.

**Next meeting:**

- Report from the City Compliance Officer
- Report from a City police officer
- Election of ELNA Board officers
- More information on the Zoom subscription

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.